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**FOSTERING CONNECTIONS TO SUCCESS AND INCREASING ADOPTIONS ACT
(HR 6893)**

This month, President George W. Bush signed into law the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act (HR 6893). This legislation will:

- 1) Improve outcomes for children and youth in foster care through educational stability, health care coordination, and allowing youth who turn age 18 to remain in care up to age 21 with continued Federal support;
- 2) Promote permanency for children in foster care with their relatives or adoptive families through subsidies, kinship navigator programs, and the elimination of licensing barriers that prohibit children's placement with their relatives;
- 3) Increase support for American Indian and Alaska Native children through direct access to Federal support for Indian Tribes, as well as technical assistance and implementation services; and
- 4) Improve the quality of staff working with children in the child welfare system, through the training of relative guardians, private child welfare agency staff, court personnel, attorneys, guardians ad litem, and court appointed special advocates.

HR 6893 is widely viewed throughout the child welfare community as the most significant child welfare reform in decades; and it is the "right thing to do" for Los Angeles County's abused and neglected children.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Officer and the Director of Children and Family Services to report back in 30 days, and quarterly thereafter, on the feasibility of:

1. Seeking State authority to implement the provisions of HR 6893 for children and youth under Los Angeles County supervision; and
2. Implementing the provisions of HR 6893 outside of Los Angeles County's Title IV-E Child Welfare Waiver Capped Allocation Demonstration Project.

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